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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 10/035,914 Filed November 7, 2001

Title: METHODS FOR INHIBITING PROLIFERATION OF ASTROCYTES AND ASTROCYTIC TUMOR CELLS AND USES THEREOF

Inventor: David E. Weinstein

Our File: 96700/677

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified patent application in the name of David E. Weinstein, entitled METHODS FOR INHIBITING PROLIFERATION OF ASTROCYTES AND ASTROCYTIC TUMOR CELLS AND USES THEREOF, comprising the following:

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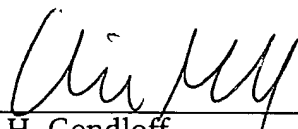
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This Amendment and Reply responds to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003 in the above identified case, which imposed a restriction requirement. Since this Reply is due on March 25, 2003 it is timely filed.

Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement imposed in the Office Action of November 5, 2002, applicant elects Group I, directed to diagnostic methods requiring detection of polypeptides, without traverse.